

Allen W. Beckett
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Mr. Beckett is the Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics & Materiel Readiness), currently serving as Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics & Materiel Readiness) since January 20, 2001. Mr. Beckett has broad responsibility in the overall policy and management of the Department of Defense logistics processes. The scope of his position encompasses Transportation, Maintenance, Supply Chain Integration, Logistics Information Systems, and Logistics Architecture. The impacts of his decisions will be far reaching in logistics for the Department as mandated by the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics). He assumed his present position on October 13, 1998.



Mr. Beckett was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September 1996. He served as Chief, Combat Support Division, Headquarters United States Air Force. He was responsible for the development and justification of budgets for assigned logistics resources. Mr. Beckett ensured requirements generated by approved force, modernization, and war plans were supported by the procurement, production, and distribution of mission equipment included in assigned budget programs. He approved funds allocations to the buying activities of the commands and product centers. His responsibilities included program execution status reviews to ensure program compliance with Congressional guidance and DoD obligation targets.

In previous positions in the Air Force; Mr. Beckett was assigned to San Antonio Air Logistics Center at Kelly Air Force Base (AFB), Texas as a management trainee. He also served at Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command in Dayton, Ohio. While assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he developed budget submissions and long range cost estimates for aircraft replenishment spares. Mr. Beckett was assigned to Headquarters, United States Air Force, in 1981.

Mr. Beckett and his wife (Joy) have a daughter (Audrey) and a son (Austin).

EDUCATION:

1973 Bachelor of Science degree, economics, University of Central Arkansas
1990 Senior Officials in National Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government
1994 Federal Executive Institute
1998 National Security Studies, John Hopkins University

CAREER CHRONOLOGY :

1973 - 1974, management trainee, Kelly AFB
1974 - 1977, Financial management specialist, Kelly AFB
1977 - 1981, Financial management specialist, Wright-Patterson AFB
1981 - 1983, Financial management specialist, Pentagon
1983 - 1985, Chief, Inventory Management Policy, Pentagon
1985 - 1986, Logistics Advisor, Competition Advocate Office, Pentagon
1986 - 1995, Deputy Chief, Supply and Fuels Policy Division, Pentagon
1996 - 1998, Chief, Combat Support Division, Pentagon

AWARDS AND HONORS:

1979 Colonel Meredith Mynhier Award - Air Force Logistics Command
1986 Letter of Commendation - Headquarters United States Air Force
1989 Meritorious Civilian Service Award - Headquarters United States Air Force
1998 Meritorious Civilian Service Award - Headquarters United States Air Force
2000 Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award